Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: മേലാലെങ്കിലും എല്ലാ ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കും ശരിയായി മറുപടിപറയുന്നതിനു ഔവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: അതിലേക്കു വേണ്ട ശ്രമംചെയ്യാം എന്നു പറയാനേ നിവർത്തി യുള്ളൂ.

Officer taken from the staff of the Arts College to the Secretariat.

28. **Mr. M. S. Anirudhan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name and the caste of the person who has been imported from the staff of the Arts College to the Secretariat as a Superintendent;

(*b*) his pay in the College and as the Superintendent in the Secretariat;

(*c*) the reasons that weighed with the Government in making this appointment; and

(*d*) whether there was no competent and experienced hand in the Secretariat staff to be put into the vacancy?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:

(*a*) Mr. P. N. Kunjan Pillai, Nayar.

(*b*) 1ST PART.—The member is referred to page 159 of the Quarterly Civil List corrected up to the 1st Chingam 1113.

2ND PART.—Rs. 75 per mensem as acting allowance.

(*c*) The Government considered that he is the most competent person to hold that office.

(*d*) No.

Inspection remarks about certain industrial schools.

29. **Mr Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of the inspection remarks of the experts and also the remarks made by them in the inspection diaries of the schools teaching smithery and textiles from 1109 to 1111?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The inspection diaries of the inspecting officers sent to their controlling officers are confidential and cannot be disclosed.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the remarks made by the experts are also confidential?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes, Sir.

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Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the grants are being allowed by the Director of Industries on the recommendations of the technical experts?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Their recommendations are considered when grants are given.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether grants are being given in respect of the schools contrary to the recommendation of the Expert?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The recommendation of the Expert cannot be disclosed.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: What I wanted to know was whether grants are now being made in spite of the recommendations of Experts?

President: Unless the Government can tell what the recommendation was, he cannot say whether it was made contrary or not to the recommendation of the Expert.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Sir, the series of questions which I have asked with regard to the difference of opinion.....

President: If there was a difference of opinion and the Expert disclosed his opinion, then he must be dealt with. If Experts go about disclosing their opinions they will not continue to be experts for long.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the remarks of the Expert are recorded in the inspection register?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Whatever remarks are sent, they are confidential. I do not know what the honourable member means by the register.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether registers are not kept for the purpose of recording the opinion of the Experts?

President: Are they public documents?

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Not that.....

President: This question has very often arisen in this House. Supposing, for instance, that Government pass strictures upon the conduct of the Head of a Department or the Head of a District, or suppose the Head of the District passes strictures or remarks upon some other subordinates; if those matters are discussed on the floor of the House, honourable members will see the extreme embarrassment in which every one will be placed. Therefore, the general rule in all Governments has been that these communications between one officer and another, whether by way of

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[President]

commendation or observation or condemnation are considered confidential. I am quite aware that very often letters come to me saying that so and so has recommended his name and therefore his name has to be considered. On that very ground that person is often not chosen even if the recommendation comes. Under these circumstances I hope, honourable members will see the difficulty of answering such questions.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: I am .....

President: The position of the honourable member is perfectly clear. If any officer has disclosed any information to any member of this House he is perfectly entitled to make use of it. All that I was saying is that if, the information is not given in such a manner as to enable the honourable member to be responsible for the statement, then it cannot be allowed. If the honourable member can make himself responsible for the opinion of the expert then he is perfectly at liberty to do so. What the result of giving such an information will be, to the Expert is a matter which the expert will have to decide.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: My question was that in view of the fact that the Director of Industries keeps diaries for inspection notes made by himself and copies of the notes made by the experts whether the Industrial Director will place on the table copies of those notes ?

President: In the case of a Departmental Head he keeps a record of the good work or otherwise of his subordinates. The Head of the Administration also maintains a memorandrum in these matters. These notes are confidential and cannot be placed on the table of the House. Suppose a Magistrate had conducted badly about ten cases and naturally the Government will see, when a question of promotion comes, that the man is not promoted. What applies to Government applies also to other Departmental Heads.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Sir, I was submitting that the remarks made by the Director or the Experts in the diaries which are kept in schools are not of such a confidential nature.

President: That is a public document and to have access to which is perfectly within his rights.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The schools have got diaries in which the Experts may enter their remarks. They are not sent to the Director of Industries by the school authorities,

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Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnattur*): May I know from the member whether the Director of Industries calls for a report of the Inspection work done by the Experts ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: He calls for monthly reports from the Experts and from the managements of the schools.

Mr. Kottur K. Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether these reports are of a confidential nature ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes, Sir.

Grant of recognition to the Chitrodayam Weaving School, Kunnattur.

30. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when recognition was granted to the Chitrodayam Weaving School, Kunnattur ;

(*b*) whether any inspection of the above school was made by the Director of Industries prior to recognition being granted to it ;

(*c*) whether any technical expert has been consulted before recognition was granted to the said school ;

(*d*) whether any technical expert has ever inspected or visited the school, and if so, his name and the date of inspection ; and

(*e*) whether the Director of Industries has recommended the award of grant to the above school, and, if so, when ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) 15-4-1937.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes; Mr. M. P. G. Nair, Textile Expert ; 11-8-1933.

(*e*) Recommendations of heads of departments to Government are confidential.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Director has recommended the awarding of grant to the said school to the Government ?

M. C. Kumara Das: Whether I have recommended or not, I cannot say.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the date on which the Director Inspected this school ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: I have not got the exact date, but I inspected the school sometime before 15-4-1937.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: With reference to part (*c*) of the question, may I know the date?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: I think it was on the recommendation dated 11-8-1933.

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